

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 28-33 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection under this section has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 16-20 and 26-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koizumi et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,789,986). Claims 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koizumi et al. These rejections are traversed as follows.

The pending claims have been patterned in accordance with Figure 5 and the corresponding description from page 8, line 21 to page 12, line 11. This portion is

directed to a data coincident method among IC tags attached on elements in which there is radio coupling. Since each element cannot communicate perfectly with another one, the present inventive method provides a way to have coincidence of data by following the claimed steps.

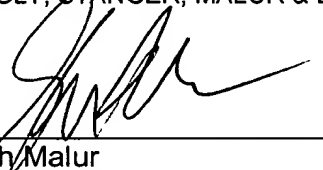
On the other hand, Koizumi et al disclose a method for checking consistency of distributed data in which the data is distributively stored in a plurality of devices connected to a common data transmission line. Since there is a common data transmission line, Koizumi et al are not faced with the problems faced by the present invention. In other words, Koizumi et al do not have to consider the radio communication between elements as in the present invention and therefore do not disclose the presently claimed steps. As such, it is submitted that Koizumi et al fail to render the claimed invention unpatentable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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